

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/709,722

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Art Unit

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) FRANCIS NGUYEN, Examiner.

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(2) GEORGE SIMION, Applicant's Representative.

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Date of Interview: 25 February 2003

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 2, 9, 10

Identification of prior art discussed: US Patent 6,037,920 (Mizutome et al.)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: _____

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Applicant's representative described scope of invention and pointed out feature of claims 2, 10 overcome prior art Mizutome et al. However, examiner interprets claims 1 and 9 broadly and propose further clarification to better distinguish over Mizutome as to claims 1 and 9. Applicant's representative will propose claims 1 and 9 clarification and submit formally.

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Examiner's signature, if required